# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

KAMARIS SANTIAGO,

Plaintiff,

Case No.

v.

EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC,

Defendant.

## DEFENDANT EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Equifax Information Services, LLC ("Equifax") files this Notice of Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) and in support thereof would respectfully show the Court as follows:

## A. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

- 1. On or about August 22, 2024, Plaintiff Kamaris Santiago ("Plaintiff") filed the Complaint in the 1<sup>st</sup> District Court of the State of New York, County of Nassau, Index No. CV-011602-24 ("State Court Action") alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1681, *et seq.*, against Equifax Inc.
- 2. Equifax was served with Plaintiff's Complaint on August 30, 2024. This Notice of Removal is being filed with the thirty (30) day time period required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

## **B. GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL**

3. The present suit is an action over which the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as it is a civil action founded on a claim or right arising under the laws of the United States, and may be removed to this Court by Defendant pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). Removal is proper because Plaintiff's claims present a federal question. In the Complaint, Plaintiff seeks damages for Defendant's alleged violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq*.

C. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS</u>

4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), venue of the removal action is proper in the United

States District Court, Eastern District of New York because it is in the district and division

embracing the place where the state court action is pending.

5. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), a copy of all executed process, pleadings

asserting causes of action, and orders in the State Court Action served upon Defendant Equifax

are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

6. Promptly after the filing of this Notice of Removal, Equifax shall give written

notice of the removal to the Plaintiff and will file a copy of this Notice of Removal with the Nassau

County 1st District Court, New York as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

WHEREFORE, Equifax request that the above-described action be removed to this Court.

Respectfully submitted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on September 19, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been filed with the Clerk of the Court which will send a notification to all counsel of record via U.S. Mail:

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